

DEPARTMENT OF HUMAN SERVICES
DIVISION OF JUVENILE JUSTICE SERVICES
POLICY AND PROCEDURES

Policy No: 07-02	Effective Date: 10/15/04	Revision Date: 11/15/04
Subject: Emergency Medical Care		

I. Policy Statement

Division facilities and programs shall provide emergency medical services for juveniles placed in their care.

II. Rationale

Emergency medical services are needed to provide for the safety and well-being of juveniles placed in the Division's care.

III. Definitions

"Emergency medical services" is defined as care for medical or dental needs for an acute illness or an unexpected health need that cannot be deferred until the next scheduled sick call.

IV. Procedures

- A. Staff shall determine the nature and severity of the emergency. Emergency care conditions that are determined to be life threatening shall be referred immediately to local emergency medical personnel, by dialing 911.
- B. Staff shall make good-faith efforts to reach the parent(s) or guardian(s). Staff shall have the authority to consent to the necessary medical services in the event that a delay would jeopardize the life, health or limb of the juvenile. Staff shall notify the program or facility director, and the juvenile's case manager, caseworker, or probation officer, as appropriate.
- C. A minimum of one facility staff shall accompany the juvenile to the hospital or emergency care center. If an injury or illness doesn't require emergency medical personnel, then a JJS facility staff member shall provide transportation for the juvenile to the designated hospital or emergency care center. Restraints shall be used in accordance with JJS policy and procedure 05-04.
- D. Staff shall accompany the resident into the examining room area and maintain a position to monitor the resident through visual contact, whenever possible, and will be observant and informed of the resident's movements.
- E. Staff supervising juveniles in the community, shall make sure the other juveniles will have security and supervision maintained, during the emergency situation.

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- F. Medical emergency details, notification of parents, and the completed emergency medical form shall be recorded and retained in the resident's file.

V. Continuous Renewal

This policy shall be reviewed three (3) years from its effective date to determine its effectiveness and appropriateness. This policy may be reviewed before that time to reflect substantive change.

This policy has been reviewed by the Board of Juvenile Justice Services and is approved upon the signature of the Director.

Eldon Money, Chairman
Board of Juvenile Justice Services

Date

Blake D. Chard, Director
Division of Juvenile Justice Services

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